

A meeting of the Recovery Accountability and Transparency Board was held in the offices of the Office of Inspector General of the Department of the Interior in Washington, D.C, on Tuesday, April 14, 2009 at 1:00 p.m. and continued until 3:00 p.m.

## PRESENT

### Board:

Earl E. Devaney, Chairman, Recovery Accountability and Transparency Board  
Calvin L. Scovel, II, Inspector General U.S. Department of Transportation  
Todd J. Zinser, Inspector General, U.S. Department of Commerce  
Gregory H. Friedman, Inspector General, U.S. Department of Energy  
Mary Mitchelson, Acting Inspector General, U.S. Department of Education  
J. Russell George, Treasury Inspector General for Tax Administration  
Richard Skinner, Inspector General, U.S. Department of Homeland Security  
Glenn A. Fine, Inspector General, U.S. Department of Justice  
Eric M. Thorson, Inspector General, U.S. Department of Treasury

### Designee(s):

Robert W. Young<sup>1</sup>, U.S. Department of Agriculture  
Joseph E. Vengrin<sup>2</sup>, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services

### Staff:

Glen Walker, Executive Director  
Eric M. Lippold, Secretary  
Douglas Hassebrock<sup>3</sup>, Investigations Support  
John Higgins<sup>4</sup>, Audit, Evaluation and Inspection Support

Members discussed the status of the consulting services acquired to assist the Board in establishing a strong governance foundation. Specifically, members identified the number of informational interviews completed by the consultant, BoardSource, and the number of interviews to be completed either by telephone or in person with the remaining Board members. Members agreed to circulate a copy of the draft governance package to all Board members in advance of the next Board meeting. Members agreed to hold the next Board meeting on Friday, May 1<sup>st</sup>, 2009.

Members expressed the need to make recovery.gov a useful portal for citizens and to reach out to the public, state and local partners, potential recipients and solution providers to help fulfill the commitment to the transparency and accountability of recovery funds. The Chairman informed the members that in conjunction with the Office of Management and Budget and the National Academy of Public Administration a week-long national web-based "town hall" to get innovative ideas from the public to integrate, track, and display data from thousands of federal, state, and local entities would be held the week of April 27, 2009.

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<sup>1</sup> Attended on behalf of the Honorable Phyllis Fong, Inspector General U.S. Department of Agriculture

<sup>2</sup> Attended on behalf of the Honorable Daniel Levinson, Inspector General U.S. Department of Health and Human Services

<sup>3</sup> Attended portion of the meeting relating to the referral process.

<sup>4</sup> Attended portion of the meeting relating to the Recovery Act working group

Mr. Hassebrock briefed members on the referral process, case management system, and fraud prevention efforts.

Mr. Higgins briefed members on the first meeting of the Recovery Act Working group co-chaired with Board Member Calvin L. Scovel, II. The working group has identified the following five potential projects for collaboration within the Inspector General community:

- Single Audit Process
- Assessing Skills/Training of Procurement Officials
- Recovery Audit Work Plan
- Summary Reporting
- Coordinating with the District of Columbia

The Chairman suggested and the members agreed to establish the following two Board committees: the Recovery.gov Committee and the Accountability Committee.

Board members Levinson, George and Zinser will serve on the Recovery.gov Committee.

Board members Fine, Skinner and Friedman will serve on the Accountability Committee.

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**Eric M. Lippold**  
**Secretary**